

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING

DATE: 05/05/03

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AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA		ORIGINATING DEPT: PUBLIC WORKS	ITEM NO. D-16
ITEM DESCRIPTION:	AWARD OF CONTRACT: (J2262) Close 7 th St NW Access to TH14 and Construct Cul-De-Sac on the South Frontage Road		PREPARED BY: R. Kelm <i>JK</i>

Bids were received and opened after 11:00 a.m., **August 30, 2002** for the following local improvement project:

Project Name:

City Project No. 9702-A (J2262)

"Close 7th St NW Access to TH14 and Construct Cul-De-Sac on the South Frontage Road"

Project Background

With the completion of the interchange of TH14 with CSAH 22 in the fall of 1996, the signalized intersection of TH14 and 7th Street NW was removed.

The City of Rochester requested the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) grant a temporary access to the south frontage road. An agreement for Temporary Access Permit, signed on September 24, 1996, allowed the temporary access and stipulated that the City remove it from the Mn/DOT right of way by October 1, 2002.

The hearing for the project was held on March 17, 1997 and the project was authorized at that time. The project was included in the 1997 Capital Budget page 282, funded with Special Assessments (50%) and Property Tax levy (50%).

On February 25, 2002 the City requested Mn/DOT reevaluate a permanent closure. On March 14, 2002, Mn/DOT responded adhering to the original agreement.

On Sept 4, 2002, a recommendation to award this project to the low bidder was originally referred to the City Council. The council tabled the project until a hearing could be conducted with Mn\Dot.

On Sept 23, 2002, Committee-of-the-Whole meeting with Mn\Dot. The Council requested that Mn\Dot allow some additional time for the access to be open while alternatives were reviewed. Mn\Dot indicated that they would allow some additional time, however, they reserved the right to close this access if safety considerations should warrant it.

On November 25, 2002 Public Works held a meeting with the business owners and discussed alternative options for the area. Every alternative had a participating cost to the businesses. No consensus was reached on alternative access options.

On February 1, 2002 Mn\Dot placed barricades across the access to TH 14.

On April 3, 2003 The general contractor Elcor stated they would honor bid prices until June 2003.

The project is ready to move forward for construction.

The following bids were received:

	<u>Total Bid</u>
1. Elcor Construction Inc.	\$ 72,657.00
2. Rochester Sand & Gravel	\$ 78,262.70
3. Road Constructors Inc.	\$ 86,981.40

Engineers Estimate \$ 71,819.80

Project Recommendation:

The Public Works Department recommends the City Council proceed with an award to the low bidder.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt a resolution awarding the contract, City Project No. 9702-A (J2262) " Construct Cul-De-Sac on the South Frontage Road Along TH 14 3400 Feet East of West Circle Drive NW " to **Elcor Construction Inc.**

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion by: _____ Second by: _____ to: _____

